

1. A carton for packaging one or more articles having a laterally extending flange, the carton comprising a top wall panel, a bevelled wall panel and a side wall panel
- 5 hingedly connected together in series and an article retention structure comprising a tab, the tab formed in part from the bevelled panel and in part from the side wall panel and being defined at one edge by a slit arranged to receive a portion of the flange and at an opposing edge defined at least in part by first and second fold lines, wherein the tab is adapted to be pivoted outwardly with respect to the adjacent bevelled panel to engage the
- 10 underside of the flange.
2. A carton according to claim 1 wherein the first and second fold lines is mutually divergent towards the slit.
- 15 3. A carton according to claim 1 wherein the first and second fold lines are arranged astride the fold line between the bevelled panel and the side wall panel.
4. A carton according to claim 1 wherein the first and second fold lines are formed only in the side wall panel.
- 20 5. A carton according to claim 1 wherein there further comprises a vertical slit and a tear stopper slit formed at one end of the vertical slit intermediate the upper and lower edges of the tab.
- 25 6. A carton for packaging one or more articles having a laterally extending flange, the carton comprising a top wall panel, a side wall panel connected to the top wall panel and an article retention structure comprising a tab formed at least in part from the side wall panel, the tab including an upper edge for engaging the underside of the flange and an opposing lower edge defined at least in part by first and second fold lines, wherein the

minimum distance between the top wall panel and the upper edge of the tab is less than the thickness of the flange to cause the tab to be pivoted with respect to the adjacent side wall panel.

5     7.     A carton according to claim 6 wherein the first and second fold lines are mutually divergent towards the upper edge of the tab.

8.     A carton according to claim 6 wherein the upper edge is substantially aligned with a third fold line interconnecting the top panel with the side panel.

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9.     A carton according to claim 1 wherein the upper edge is offset from a third fold line interconnecting the top panel with the side panel.

10.     A carton according to claim 6 wherein the upper edge is offset from a third fold  
15 line interconnecting the top panel with the side panel.

11.     A carton according to claim 6 wherein the first and second fold lines are curved.

12.     A carton according to claim 1 wherein a cut line is provided intermediate the first  
20 and second fold lines.

13.     A carton according to claim 6 wherein a cut line is provided intermediate the first and second fold lines.

25     14.     A carton according to claim 1 wherein a further fold line extends from the upper edge to one of the first and second fold lines.

15.     A carton according to claim 6 wherein a further fold line extends from the upper edge to one of the first and second fold lines.

16. A carton according to claim 9 wherein the top wall panel comprises a portion protruding outwardly of the third fold line.

5 17. A carton according to claim 10 wherein the top wall panel comprises a portion protruding outwardly of the third fold line to protect the article flange.

18. A carton according to claim 6 further comprising a second side wall panel and a base wall panel thereby forming a tubular structure.

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19. A blank for forming a carton for packaging one or more articles having a laterally extending flange, the blank comprising in series a first side wall panel, a first bevel panel, a top wall panel, a second bevel wall panel and a second side wall panel hingedly connected together, and an article retention structure comprising a tab, the tab being  
15 formed in part from the first bevelled panel and in part from the first side wall panel and being defined at one edge by a slit arranged to receive a portion of the flange in a set up condition and has an opposing edge defined at least in part by first and second fold lines, wherein the tab is capable of pivoting outwardly with respect to the adjacent bevelled panel to engage the underside of the flange.

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20. A blank according to claim 19 wherein the first and second fold lines are mutually divergent towards the slit.

21. A blank according to claim 20 wherein the first and second fold lines are arranged  
25 astride the fold line between the bevelled panel and the side wall panel.

22. A blank according to claim 20 wherein the divergent fold lines are formed only in the side wall panel.

23. A blank according to claim 19 wherein there further comprises a vertical slit and a tear stopper slit formed at one end of the vertical slit intermediate the upper and lower edges of the tab.

5 24. An article retention structure for a carton adapted to retain an article having a laterally extending flange, the retention structure comprising a tab formed at least in part from a side wall panel of the carton, the tab including an upper edge for engaging a portion of the flange and an opposing lower edge defined by first and second fold lines, wherein the minimum distance between a top wall panel of the carton and the upper edge  
10 of the tab is less than the thickness of the article flange.

25. An article retention structure for a carton adapted to retain an article having a laterally extending flange, the article retention structure comprising a tab, the tab being formed in part from a bevelled panel of the carton and in part from an adjacent side wall  
15 panel of the carton and being defined at one edge by a slit arranged to receive a portion of the flange and at an opposing edge by first and second fold lines, wherein the tab is adapted to be pivoted outwardly with respect to the bevelled panel to engage the underside of the flange.